

NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT FACT SHEET



The National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (the NHLPA), P.L. 106-355 amended the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA).

The NHLPA provides a mechanism for the conveyance of Federally owned historic light stations to qualified new stewards. The NHLPA gives priority to public bodies and non-profit corporations to acquire a historic light station at no-cost through a competitive application process administered by the National Park Services (the NPS). If no steward is identified through this process, the NHLPA authorizes the General Services Administration (the GSA) to conduct a public sale of the light station.

A Unique Federal Partnership

The United States Coast Guard (the USCG), the NPS, and the GSA have forged a strategic and mutually beneficial alliance to preserve historic American light stations, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the NHLPA. Each of these agencies have unique roles and responsibilities in the NHLPA process, but they share a common goal to convey historic light stations to eligible stewards.

The NHLPA Process



The USCG identifies which historic light stations are excess to its needs, and submits a Report of Excess (ROE) for each light station to the GSA. Many of the excess light stations reported to date are active Aids to Navigation (ATONs).



The GSA announces the availability of the historic light station to federal, state and local government organizations and non-profit organizations through the issuance of a Notice of Availability (NOA). Interested parties have 60 days to submit a letter expressing interest in applying for the light station.

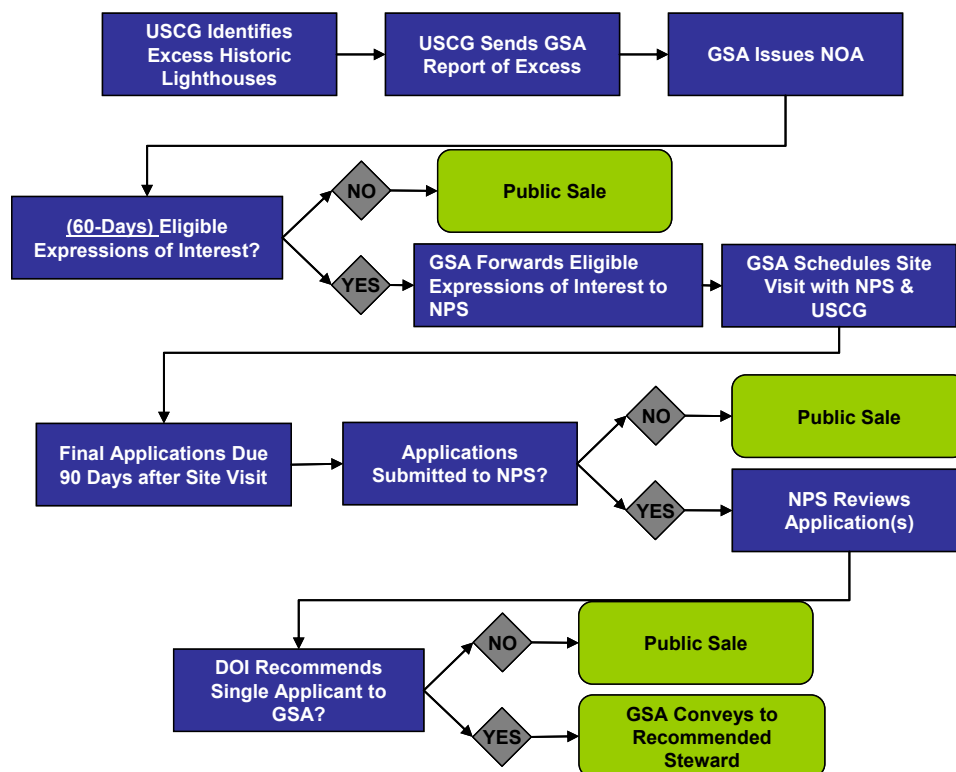


The NPS forwards the NHLPA application to all eligible entities that expressed interest during the NOA period. Applicants are given an opportunity to attend a site visit on a date set by the GSA and the USCG. Applicants have 90 days to complete the application and return it to the NPS after the site visit.

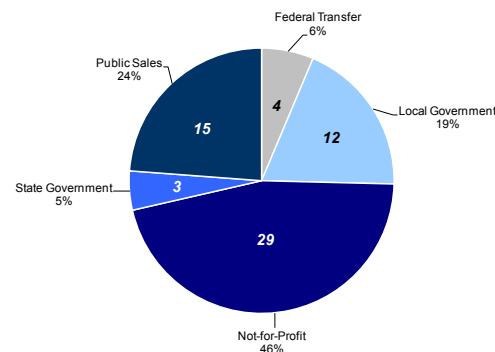
The NPS evaluates the applications received from interested parties and determines the most suitable applicant for each historic property. Subsequently, the Secretary of the Interior notifies the GSA of its recommended steward, or informs the GSA that there were no suitable applicants for the property. The GSA proceeds to convey title to the property to the selected steward.

In the event that there are no responses to the NOA, no applicants, or no suitable applicant, the GSA conducts a sale of the property, consistent with the NHLPA's public sale provisions.

NHLPA Flowchart



Conveyances by Grantee (July, 2010)



Information Resources

Information about specific light stations in the NHLPA Program is available at:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime/ltsum.htm>

<http://www.auctionrp.com/>

<https://propertydisposal.gsa.gov/ResourceCenter/PRHomePage/loadPRHomePage.do>